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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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| 03 FC:205 | 65.00 DP  |

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$306.
  - \$306 for 34 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 741.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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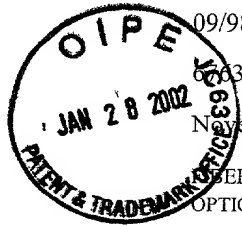
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FILING DATE:

November 14, 2001

FOR:

USER OPTIC SENSOR WITH FIBER OF ADJUSTABLE  
OPTICAL PATH LENGTH AND METHOD OF USING IT



FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated November 28, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was not paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

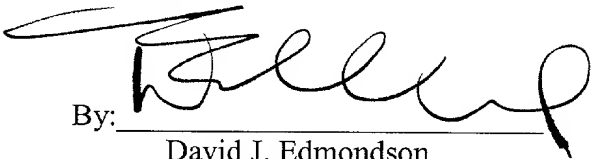
The Applicants, through counsel, hereby submit eight (8 ) sheets of drawings containing Figures 1-7 in lieu of the drawings filed originally with this application on November 14, 2001.

The drawing informalities have been corrected as required by Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.

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